

School Council Newsletter



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"The Michaëlle Jean Public School Council is a partnership of parents, staff, community and students. Its goal is to actively promote a positive learning environment in French, which will enhance the quality of the students' education and corroborates the goals as set out in the School Improvement Plan".

Upcoming Events

School Council Meeting
Thursday November 27, 2014
 6:30 p.m.



Message from School Council Co-Chairs

Sevda Guliyeva and Min Zhang

Happy November! As Co-Chairs of the School Council, we continue to appreciate working with the Council Members, Staff and Parents to help make this another fun and successful year at Michaëlle Jean Public School. We are very fortunate to have enthusiastic parents working with dedicated teachers and school administrators on the School Council. Thanks to the many parent volunteers who came to our **Parent Volunteer Orientation** to learn about the important contributions a parent volunteer can make at our school. In addition, topics such as student safety and confidentiality were also discussed.

Many thanks to the families at Michaëlle Jean for your generous fundraiser donations. We are very pleased to let you know that the school collected approximately \$11,000 for fundraising. We would like to thank all the families who participated as your support helps give back to the students at MJPS in a variety of ways. This money will go a long way to support the many programs and activities offered at MJPS.

The school council has many plans and activities in store which rely on the support and input from Parents and Volunteers. If you are interested in getting involved, please join us at the council meetings. All Parents/Caregivers/Guardians are welcome to attend.

If you have any comments, questions or suggestions for School Council, please feel free to send a message at MJPSCouncil@gmail.com. If you are interested in volunteering, please e-mail us to let us know.

School Council Meeting Dates

Please mark your calendars, come, and join us for the upcoming School Council Meetings. We welcome and encourage all parents to attend. It is a great way to know what is happening at the school, meet other parents and get involved.

- Thursday November 27, 2014 @ 6:30 p.m.
 - Tuesday January 20, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.
 - Wednesday February 25, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.
 - Thursday April 16, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.
 - Tuesday June 9, 2015 @ 6:30 p.m. (last meeting)
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Liliane A.*

Secretary

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**Student Success
Committee Chairs**

Jennifer Anderson

**Parental, Family & Community
Involvement Committee Chairs**

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**School Climate
Committee Chairs**

*Shelley B.
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**Grade 3 Transition Ceremony
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Teacher Representatives

*Mark Vojnic
Annie Samuel
Jelena Marjanovic
Natalie Bessette*

Student Success

The Town of Richmond Hill Fall Lunch Time Program Sessions are under way. We are excited to be offering Zumba, Hip Hop, Basketball, Taekwondo, Chess, Drawing & Colouring, Fashion Design and Cartooning through the Town of Richmond Hill. Please remind your child of their program before school begins or write a reminder note and leave it in their lunch box. We make several reminders each day of the program.

Please note that we are happy to announce that for the Winter session, students on the wait list will be accommodated first.

The Anti-Bullying Magic Show was a huge hit with our students. This is a 60 minute assembly presentation (in English) with powerful messages about self confidence and bullying awareness. The presenters use magic and comedy to captivate the students (Grades 1-3) and deliver their message.

Coming up- *Le masque est le message (The Mask Messenger)* Faustwork Mask Theatre (Prologue) - The show (in French) utilizes half-masked characters that speak, and full masked characters that remain silent while speaking volumes with convincing body language and subtle grace.

School Climate Committee

A big thank you to all the families who supported our QSP magazine reading campaign this year!

Collectible bears and special subscription magazine prizes were given out on an ongoing basis throughout the campaign, which ended on October 31st. The students had fun collecting and trading their bears! The additional prizes based on the number of subscriptions sold (i.e. prize levels) will be sent to the school once the campaign has ended and all the orders are processed. These prizes will be delivered directly to the children in their classes.

Although our prize campaign is over, please remember that you can continue to place magazine online orders which will still benefit our school.

Just remember to enter our online group number - 3741493.

Parental, Family & Community Involvement Committee

The Parental, Family & Community Involvement Committee is always looking for parents to help out with our various events throughout the year.

If you are interested in becoming involved with Carnival, Fun Fair or the Grade 3 Transition ceremony, please email Shelley skbaba@yahoo.com.